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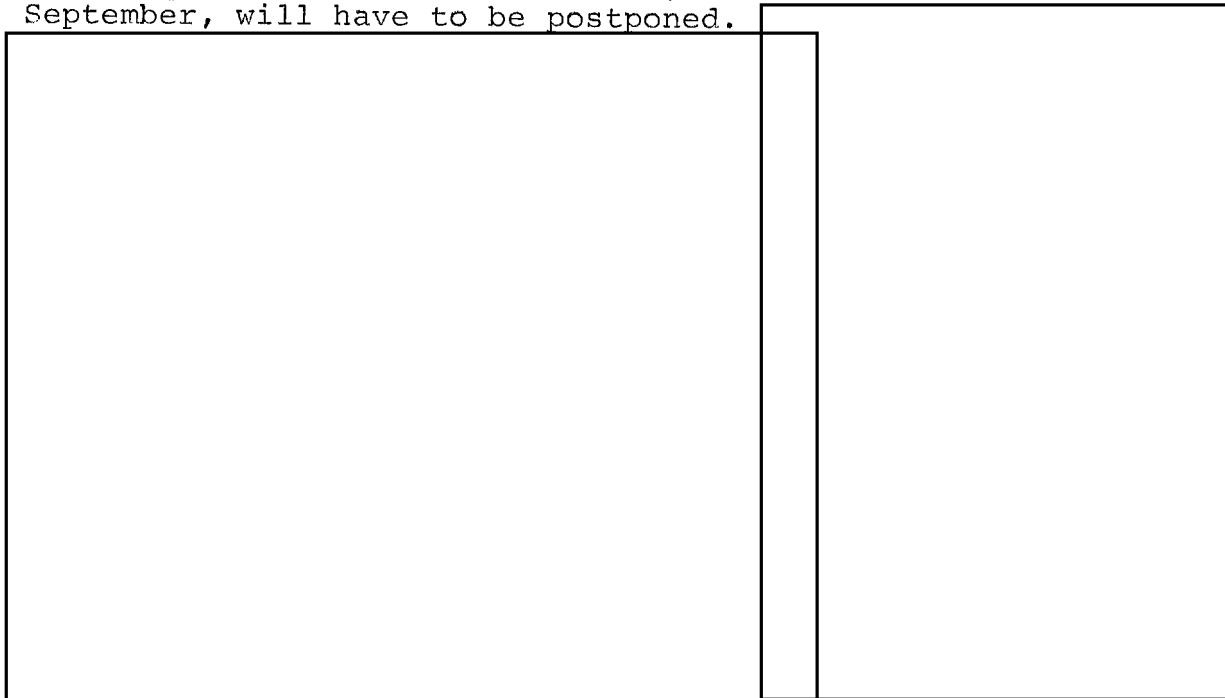
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Warsaw and Ponn Still Hammering Out Problems

The date on which diplomatic relations between Poland and West Germany are officially established may be stalled past the tentative goal of late August, according to a high level Polish foreign ministry official. Warsaw and Ponn agreed in early June to the principle of diplomatic relations, but negotiations over specific problems have bogged down during the summer. The official alluded to last minute delays in finalizing a Red Cross agreement in Geneva on compensation for victims of war crimes as the principal element in the hold-up, hinting that the Poles saw evidence of bad faith on the part of the Germans in this regard. The two have also had difficulty working out guidelines for establishing the citizenship of the ethnic German minority in Poland and the resettlement of these people in Germany. If the late August date is not met, the visit to Ponn of Polish Foreign Minister Olszowski, now scheduled for mid-September, will have to be postponed.

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